

Chatham Township Environmental Commission
58 Meyersville Rd, Chatham, NJ 07928, 973-635-4600

Minutes of the Tuesday, August 7, 2007 CTEC Meeting

The meeting of the Chatham Township Environmental Commission convened at 7:15 pm on Tuesday, August 7, 2007 at the Township Municipal Building. In attendance were CTEC members Kathy Abbott, Ole Radaam, Leann Tavtigian. Also attending was P. Collington, Chair of the Education and Outreach Subcommittee.

CTEC'S PURPOSE (N.J.S.A. 40:56A, 1968): to undertake projects and make recommendations concerning the protection or use of natural resources, including water resources, located within or directly affecting Chatham Township.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT -- The meeting schedule for 2007 was published in the Chatham Courier & Daily Record newspapers and posted on the main bulletin board at the Township municipal building. The public is cordially invited to attend all meetings and participate in projects.

Minutes

Minutes from June 5, 2007 meeting were not approved since a quorum was not present.

Applications/LOI Review

- 1 KARLIN DRIVE AND 614 FAIRMOUNT AVE. 4-9-07. Planning Board approved the application. CLOSED.
- REXCORP CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT LLC. 5-16-07. Application approved by Planning Board. CLOSED.
- ROLLING HILL AT CANDACE. 4-27-07. Application approved by Planning Board. CLOSED.

Reports

Planning Board – none.

Open Space – none.

Township Committee report. W. O'Connor.

Education Subcommittee report – P. Collington.

June 4 panel discussion in Summit on environmentally friendly housekeeping – K. Abbott.

Action Items

Press coverage: pesticide article, July 25th presentation to Borough EC on no idling campaign. They agreed to work with CTEC. They have to approve letter to businesses and institutions and sign design.

Anti-idling campaign. Joint Education campaign with Chatham Borough. Sample of Anti-idling municipal resolution for Chatham Township. Resolution found at <http://www.cleanwateraction.org/njef/campaigns-noidling.html>.

Sample idle free sign and costs. Pat Collington has researched costs. Note state regulations (N.J.A.C. 7:27-15.8a and 7:27-14.3a). K. Abbott and P Collington.

Suggested places for signs: Public Schools, Private Schools such as Corpus Christi, Fairmount Country Store at Meyersville and Fairmount, Chatham Twp Businesses and institutions, parks.

Pat Collington has sign site list and will email it around to CTEC to get additional suggestions.

Kathy will send around sign also. We will edit it to add NJ ordinance in small font at bottom.

IP is expecting article from CTEC at end of August. The no idling campaign should be topic of article.

Flyer on Twp and Borough website. Sign on website. Channel 21 reports from Borough.

Reinvigorating Recycling: CTEC would like to join the state and county's "Reinvigorate Recycling" campaign. Pat will email CTEC members to get suggestions for places that are not recycling and should be, like the library.

Is Board of Ed recycling in their offices? Is municipal building really recycling?

Twp Fire Dept on River Road has begun recycling thanks to Eileen Hladky, Part-time Twp Recycling Coordinator.

ACTION ITEMS

- Recycling at Colony Pool. K. Abbott. Mission accomplished we think. Kathy's home made laminated signs and pool manager's daily announcements are helping keep regular trash out of recycling bins. Public Works is picking up recyclables daily. We are still waiting on large bin or bins to leave at curbside for pick up. Tom Ciccarone said they are not here yet but apparently are on their way.

- Hazardous Waste recycling event, perhaps just for batteries and compact fluorescent bulbs. LeAnn will take charge to call Tom Burbridge, Hazardous Waste coordinator for Morris County MUA. Could we have the event on the same day as the electronics recycling (which is done by a private company?)

Southern Blvd School Habitat: path mulching activity and planting of some native plants. goldenrod and cat tails.

Date Friday Sep 14th after school.. Kathy will send email to Pat to get scout volunteers

Mail Received (not including applications and event notices mentioned above)

Minutes – Long Hill and Chatham Borough EC

Various newsletters, event announcements, and flyers.

CTEC meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Minutes prepared by K. Abbott.